

Franklin County Council 2008 Budget Hearings August 28, 2007

Those present:

Brad Spurlock
Hollie Sintz
Kenneth Rosenberger
Carroll Lanning
Donald "Butch" Williams
Martha Bergman
Jeff Koch

Elected officials:
Thomas Wilson
Eric Roberts
Don Vonder Meulen

Franklin County Auditor:
Carol L. Monroe

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens budget hearings; reminds everyone to take very good notes

I. Assessor

a. Sharon Halcomb

i. 109 – upped a little bit

1. computer maintenance is more for my office

b. Kenneth Rosenberger – how do you stand with compliance?

c. Sharon Halcomb – I talked to my computer person and he is going to give me an estimate on how much it will cost to data enter the two years we are behind. I had it in my budget last year to pay him but you cut it. I just found out Thursday that we are not getting our budget until they get sales data 2006 (from me). 2006 sales data does not enter into the equation at all. All my girls took work home last night. We are going to try and get compliant so they will release your budget. We are working on that. We have until October 20, 2007 to get compliant. There will be a lot of counties who they will hold PTRC if they are not compliant. We do plan on being caught up. I am sure there will be a lot of counties scrambling.

i. Reassessment

1. Becky's salary (third deputy) comes out of that

2. Put part time money in there too in case you cut it out of county general

3. Postage-last year you cut my postage and that was to send out form 11's. Thank God they did not penalize me for not sending out form 11's.

4. Contractual services-see handout

5. New equipment – that is for a fax machine.

6. Furniture and fixtures – I need a couple of chairs for the office for when my husband comes in and for the handicap people

II. Public Transportation

a. Cathy Pelsor-asking what I ask for every year. If you have anything that comes up I will be in my office all day. We did shuttle services at the fair and will be at the bicentennial events. There are a lot of different things in the works. The Judge gave us some probation funds to help fund things. The county highway department helped with our project.

b. Donald "Butch" Williams - questions Laurel Senior Center

c. Cathy Pelsor – they were not able to carry out the obligations through Area 9. Other than people getting together for fellowship I don't know what is happening

III. Probation

a. Judge J. Steven Cox – you have the schedule in from of you, and those are minimums as you know.

IV. Treasurer - 103

a. Rebecca Oglesby – We would always like to get a second deputy. We are trying to get more electronic. We are going to be doing validation-they will be automatic posting so we will not have to stay over to post. We still need part time help. If we get a second deputy we can eliminate part time help. We are trying to do lender codes again. Postage you can cut to \$6,000.00, but next year the state of Indiana wants us to send out comparisons. Contractual services are when we do updates on the computers. Travel is for going to all the conferences-you can cut to \$500.00. we have an old copier that was in the health department when we got it. We only got one printer and that is old. Computer support, I don't know if they are going to charge more-would like to keep at \$5,000 or \$6,000.00.

V. Prosecutor

a. Mel Wilhelm –

i. 108 – salaries we got in the wrong line (4126. should be \$0.00 and 4127.00 should be \$26,498.00 and 4129.00 should be \$21,500.00). 4129 is the employee that is full time and she is there full time. They work over and don't get paid for it and I don't give them comp time. They are all stressed out. I desperately need that with the new court. Also on line 4122.00 (deputy prosecutor) asking that you give him a supplement and would like to have that re-instated. Feels that my deputy should be treated as everyone else is throughout the state. We have to prepare for trials on nights and weekends. '04 and '05 were bad for crime. In '07 they are going down some. On equipment you have wiped out and asking you don't do that.

ii. IV-D (145) my attorney is Gene Stewart. I have put in an increase due to the second court. 2/3 of what you pay for will be paid for by the federal government. It is still very low in comparison to what the other counties pay the third deputy.

1. Carroll Lanning – on law books?

2. Majority is on line now

3. Now they are no longer reimbursing the \$10,000.00 for Diane (flip tape).

4. Adding appropriations to department (see sheet for 145 from prosecutor)

5. Susan Jones – confused, was this additional request advertised?

6. Carol L. Monroe – no

- iii. Pretrial
 - 1. Community service coordinator – we have to have him. Equipment again I ask you to leave that in there. If you cut it I will be back at the first of the year. In case you are think we are extravagant, we are not. We do not spend money un-necessarily.
 - iv. Victim Assistance
 - 1. \$10,000.00 should be (cut to) \$7,500.00.
 - v. Deferral
 - 1. \$5,000.00 is paid to Diane. We don't spend it un-necessarily. Don't knock out equipment; we will be back the first of the year.
 - vi. 317/IV-D
 - 1. Diane's \$10,000.00
- VI. Coroner
 - a. Rick Gill – the last two or three years I have been trying to get the chief deputy at ½ of what the coroner makes. The criminal justice system does not pay for per diem or mileage any more. I wait until the end of the year on supplies. I currently have 3 cases on autopsy and will be doing an additional. If clothes get soiled would like to have something in there to replace them.
- VII. D.S.C. office (see amendments)
 - a. Family & Children
 - i. Kelly Persinger – there are some numbers that look different because they are broke out between our cost and probation cost.
 - ii. Terry Bockhover – this is the best we have been in many years.
 - iii. Thomas Wilson – do you take assignments?
 - iv. Terry Bockhover – no
 - v. Kelly Persinger –
 - 1. adoption assistance – decreased from last year
 - 2. child welfare services – same as last year
 - 3. foster home – increase, but not as drastic as we thought it would be
 - 4. care of wards and institutions – decrease from last year
 - 5. indep. – more in there because we have older kids in care
 - 6. preservation services – went up, this is closer to actual cost
 - 7. medicade – went down
 - b. Child Psych. –
 - i. Kelly Persinger - less than what we had anticipated
 - ii. Terry Bockhover – we did not have a tax rate and we found out they can place children without us knowing
 - iii. Thomas Wilson – is there one now
 - iv. Terry Bockhover – no, that is what we are asking for
- VIII. Area Plan
 - a. Larry Franzman – I made this budget out in May. I put in a \$2,000.00 increase for Gary. \$1,000.00 for myself and for Charlie to \$24,279.00 – He and Gary are doing the same job. Court cases raised because you don't know from one year to the next. The residential building code could change next year. Telephone, we had to move money. Advertising – don't know if we will need it or not. On zoning text, gave to Carol (Monroe) to put on website last week. Need a new car, if we can't, need money to keep the current cars going. \$34,000.00 more than 2007.
 - b. Kenneth Rosenberger – building inspections, are the holding about the same?
 - c. Larry Franzman – they are about two per day less. New homes are down, but everything else is up. Will be pretty close to what is was last year. Been stayin' busy.
- IX. Health Department
 - a. Angie Snyder – insurance has decreased
 - b. Diane Turney – increase gas and oil and mileage
 - c. Angie Snyder – county car on the blink and when it is down Joe (Meier) will also have to use the mileage money. Did increase birth and death certificates
 - d. Diane Turney – tobacco money did ask for an additional \$1.00 per hour. On coordinator, that is a projection, if we don't get the grant her job is finished.
- X. W.A.T.C.H. Center
 - a. Jack Selm – 2008 budget request is \$2,650.00 less. We were hoping to get this thing down more. We had \$700.00 gas bills last winter and \$3,000.00 gas bills. Things that hurt was \$4,800.00 insurance for vans. Big line items are utilities and liability insurance.
 - b. Carroll Lanning – you are doing a good job
 - c. Jack Selm – the whole community is involved in one way or the other.
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – questions other not for profit
 - e. Jack Selm – there was a grant that went to Franklin County Transportation and all of our people get transportation because of that.
- XI. E-911/Communicatons
 - a. Tracy Lightfield– a lot of it has to do with salary and training-see handouts. 5% increase for asst. supervisor and 3% increase for dispatchers.
 - b. Carroll Lanning - questions holiday pay
 - c. Tracy Lightfield – every body gets the holiday pay whether they work it or not.
 - d. Jeff Koch – how many work at the same time?
 - e. Tracy Lightfield – two. Plays a recording of a 911 call. We don't have enough to cover all of these things
- XII. E.M.A.
 - a. Ed Hollenbach – when we hired mary five years ago, I was not allowed to have a payroll schedule. I am going to loose Mary if I don't do something soon. She is certified for hazmat. I have got to do something for her. Myself,

whatever. I just got the sub-grant agreement. District 9 is unreasonable. I average 44 hours per week. Either I am getting slow or the job is getting bigger-actually it is both. Since '94 brought back to the county 4.8 million dollars. It is a job nobody wants

- b. Thomas Wilson – we ought to be ashamed of paying you \$6,000.00 for what you do.

XIII. Economic Development

- a. Renee Stivers – question P.E.R.F., (he) will not be here long enough to retire
- b. Carol L. Monroe – that will stay in the “PERF” fund for future retirees
- c. Renee Stivers – we are ten years behind but are moving along. We have got some people looking at two different properties (tape 3)
- d. Eric Roberts – in 2009 \$75,000.00 and 2010 around \$90,000.00 and 2011 is \$110/\$115,000.00
- e. Renee Stivers – put more than 32.5 hours in per week. I appreciate the job.

XIV. Cemetery Commission

- a. Ed Baker – see handout. We were established in 2001. Our responsibility is to identify all cemeteries in the county with correct name, township, owner (county, township, private, etc.). We restore and maintain. Purchased 126 signs and have another 23 cemeteries we have visited in 2007 that we do not have signs for. Asking for \$24,000.00 in the budget for 2008.
- b. Thomas Wilson – I think your board has done a good job. I wish more trustees could do what Roy (Hall) is doing.(in Whitewater Township)

XV. E.M.S.

- a. Bill Schirmer – recently got involved with E.M.S. There is more of a need for A.L.S. (advanced life support). We are asking \$225,000.00 to provide A.L.S. service in this community. We would purchase a chase vehicle (ex: explorer). We didn't know if it would be in the budget this year, but would put the offer out on the table. We do have a signed contract with Commissioners contingent on financing.
- b. Martha Bergman – questions if they could help Coroner
- c. Bill Schirmer – if he would get with us, maybe we could help
- d. Thomas Wilson – if you or your family was having a heart attack would you want to wait 15 minutes or 50 minutes
- e. John Cookendorfer – about six years ago we were in debt. We now pay for anything we need up front.
- f. Hollie Sintz – have heard people say - how did that building get built?
- g. John Cookendorfer – with the funds that we have generated
- h. Donald “Butch” Williams – the paramedic, would they be full time
- i. John Cookendorfer – it depends on how it would be structured
- j. Bill Schirmer – maybe we could work something out with commissioners the benefits
- k. Thomas Wilson – this is what Ripley County does and they are basically self sufficient. If you ever have a family member die you will want this.
- l. Bill Schirmer – this is to accommodate the volunteer system

XVI. Soil and Water

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – work load?
- b. Betty Gabbard – we are picking up watersheds and I am the only one to handle that
- c. Martha Bergman – do you have your two drill paid off?
- d. Mike Schwab – yes
- e. Martha Bergman – what do you do with that revenue?
- f. Mike Schwab – we either put it back into the repair of drills or back to the community in our farmers
- g. Jeff Koch – are there going to be more equip (environmental) dollars
- h. Mike Schwab – I think it is going to stay the same. John Selm has agreed to sit on the board in Norm's place as supervisor

XVII. Recess until tomorrow at 9:00 am

XVIII. Reconvene

XIX. Tourism

- a. Dennis Kolb – annually we put an ad in the Indiana travel magazine for a half page ad. We also put an ad in Midwest Living in the spring-nice colorful ad. Next spring there will also be one. We decided to focus on Metamora due to the volume of traffic that comes into it. We have three billboards (one on 74). We have had Metamora Music Festival, tractor show, canoe fest, etc. We have allocated about \$10,000.00 for advertising we are going to do for the Brookville Bicentennial.
- b. Thomas Wilson – does everyone know how your fee is collected?
- c. Dennis Kolb – there is a five percent tax on anyone that stays overnight in Franklin County. 99% of it comes from Hampton Inn and we thank them *very* much. 99% of the people (staying) are not from Franklin County.
- d. Eric Roberts – is the revenue going up?
- e. Dennis Kolb – last year it went down, but this year it is going back up. Once school starts, the revenue stops.
- f. Donald “Butch” Williams – you have any ideas you are working on
- g. Dennis Kolb – we have revamped our web site. We are getting a lot of hits.
- h. Brad Spurlock – do you have any contacts with the state?
- i. Dennis Kolb – yes
- j. Brad Spurlock – can they do anything with the feeder dam?
- k. Dennis Kolb – I think they are looking to take that over. I believe the State is going to make it a separate entity.
- l. Brad Spurlock – they have it so tore up they can't mow it. It is a mess.
- m. Dennis Kolb – I would like to see the canoe race start there but there is not enough water flow and it would put stress on the volunteers.
- n. Donald “Butch” Williams – thanks Dennis for coming in
- o. Dennis Kolb – if anyone has any further questions, please feel free to call.

XX. Park & Recreation

- a. Ted Hensley – reviews salary increase request. Health insurance went up because assistant is adding family to plan at the first of the year. We are going to have to replace a septic system and will have to hire an engineer. Bond up due to increase on buildings. Other improvements are for septic and road to our new camp sites. Resurfacing road will be for the hill. New equipment for small equipment. Picnic tables = \$1,400.00/shelter = \$0/new equipment = \$1,500.00/office furniture = \$500.00/equipment and building = \$500.00.
- b. Martha Bergman – questions water testing
- c. Ted Hensley – required to test once per month.
- d. Hollie Sintz – how are rentals?
- e. Ted Hensley – it is down. On our professional services we need that for the septic as well as our (5year) plan. On labor day weekend we had some problems and had to spend \$1,400.00 to have it pumped out.

XXI. Stayin Alive

- a. Bonnie Blades – here for 267/294
 - i. 267 – increased the discretionary by \$10,000.00 for a total of \$76,000.00
 - ii. 294 – increased that discretionary to \$10,000.00 for a total of \$35,000.00; that is money we can use anyway we see fit under the guidelines set by the state.
- b. Bonnie Blades - We can only get the grant for 10 years.
- c. Carroll Lanning – do you help the child prevention people if there is a drug problem?
- d. Bonnie Blades – we don't do anything as a group. They apply for grants-schools, law enforcement, etc. Community Mental health also does programs (tape four). We are part of the Cincinnati Coalition and get some dollars from them for supplies and materials. We also have a summit called addition is not what you think Sept. 20th at the Hearthstone-we partner with Farm Bureau on that.

XXII. Clerk of Clerk

- a. Marlene Flaspohler – big thing is asking for a 6th deputy. The court system did acquire a magistrate. The magistrate is acquired based on case load. Reviews work of office. Passports have went up four times since 2005. Protective orders we had nine in 2006 and already have twenty-nine. We send out all of the jury notices and jury questionnaires.
- b. Carol L. Monroe – if you get another deputy will you still have to work nights and weekends?
- c. Marlene Flaspohler – probably. Postage is so hard to decide because postage goes up. It cost \$5.30 to send one letter (certified). The clerk's office has three conferences per year and the one in the summer is mandated. Computer maintenance is calculated (11 for pros/court and 3 for unknown). Equipment repair you could take down to \$1,000.00. Postage meter we lease that. I put in for Malinowski Consulting-you would get 66% of his fees back from the state; I have him on a contract for a month to month basis and right now I am taking his fee out of IV-D, but as of Oct. 1 I can no longer do that.

XXIII. Election

- a. Marlene Flaspohler – the pay did not increase but I am going to give them a \$25.00 “fee” to come to the training meeting.
- b. Thomas Wilson – could you put in part time?
- c. Carol L. Monroe – don't know why not
- d. Marlene Flaspohler – I did
- e. Donald "Butch" Williams – wanted to keep the rate even
- f. Marlene Flaspohler – I thank God for those new computers, I don't have to write in the big books or hand calculate.

XXIV. Surveyor

- a. Joe Gillespie – my budget is the same as you approved last year and the year before; with the exception as my wages and my part time help. The perpetuation fund is to promote section corner perpetuation. It has always been my objective to allow that money to accumulate and at some point buy a G.P.S. system so I could tell you a precise distance. There is over \$26,000.00 in the fund. I get an allowance and asked that be increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00.
- b. Kenneth Rosenberger – do you have any trouble finding those corners?
- c. Joe Gillespie – yes. When Indiana was first created they created sections from both East and West. It was the county surveyor's job to go out and replace those rotting posts and replace them with stones. We really want to find those corner stones.
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – how close are you to getting the G.P.S.?
- e. Joe Gillespie – it will cost about \$40,000.00. It isn't a huge job doing the work but it getting the equipment is without burdening the taxpayers. Other surveyors would benefit from this as well. The bottom line is your information is so much better.

XXV. Extension Office

- a. Hollie Murray – this year we did utilize our program assistance more due to one of our secretaries leaving. Office supplies up do to inflation. Increase in contractual services for 2 ½ extension educator-this is set by Purdue University. Computer network-Purdue updates our system on a daily if not weekly basis. We are requesting \$6,000.00 for a room size I.P. unit. That is for providing training, workshops, meetings, etc. so we don't have to travel and for us to hold workshops. I have used the I.P. video unit at Franklin County High School twice and during that time I have had 20 people participate in that workshop who have brought in millions of dollars in grant money.
- b. Martha Bergman – can you use the facility here?
- c. Hollie Murray – yes, instead of having to go somewhere else
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – who do you share the half time with?
- e. Hollie Murray – no one, he is only half time. Purdue pays 71% (full time educators). Franklin County is paying less than the average for our district.

XXVI. Safe Passage

- a. Debra Guzman – I don't see where Franklin County has included us in their budget (in prior years). We work with domestic families (flip tape four). Often in the summer months we are over capacity. There are one out of every four women are victims. See handout. I am not asking for a specific amount, I think that is for you to determine.

XXVII. Recorder

- a. Mary Seufert – I would like a little bit more money in office supplies because they have gone up. My girls are back loading all of the records we got. Sending them out is very expensive, I would like to have \$500.00 added on to that and add \$100.00 to postage since that has gone up. I am running very close and need \$1,300.00 instead of \$1,200.00. Conferences and seminars I could get out of R.P.F. (Recorder Perpetuation Fund). I am buying a new piece of equipment where we can film a whole plat-right now we have to cut it down then they bring it in.

XXVIII. Sheriff

- a. Dale Maxie – asked for increase in salaries. Issue with my salary-the judge and prosecutor got a raise on July 1, 2007. My salary is 60% of their salary. So, on January 1 I would get the back pay from July 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2007. Increase in holiday pay. Asking for two new deputies. McCrery and King increasing \$10,000.00. Longevity-adding another year. Gas and oil-that is just a guess. If we get any new cars, they changed the tires from a 16 inch to a 17 inch on a crown vic. Other motor supply jumped due to the cars are getting old. I am having to replace engines, etc. K-9 unit, they tried to poison him. He has a video security camera. Equipment – to buy new cameras and whatever the deputy needs-gun belts, etc. Transport and civil process combined together-it would make it nice to be a full time position and he could help in the jail

XXIX. Jail

- a. Dale Maxie – #4158 and #4158.01 request should be reversed. Meals-increase in inmates. For a while we had one hundred inmates in a sixty-four bed jail. With things like river raids, it is eating up the money. Medical service-advanced medical-right now the contract states he will see forty-five inmates and anything above that is a certain percentage. We have an agreement with Fayette memorial to make payments. Breathalyzer - mandate from the state.
- b. Thomas Wilson – we just got a bid for new heating and air. Right now we are spending thousands of dollars on it.
- c. Dale Maxie – we have spent \$35,000.00 on that air conditioner.
- d. Thomas Wilson – it is killing us and the air quality is terrible.
- e. Dale Maxie– we also have a plumbing problem. Half of the jail has hot water and half does not. The system we are looking at putting in is a heating and cooling system with three backups.
- f. Thomas Wilson –we need to find \$112,000.00.
- g. Dale Maxie – we are being forced to replace the steel doors and they have to be made.
- h. Brad Spurlock – who determines who computers they are-yours or 911?
- i. Dale Maxie - good question, right now we pay for it. What the computers are for, the dispatcher automatically assigns the call to a deputy. (tape 5)

XXX. S.A.C. (Small Animal Control)

- a. Dale Maxie - \$7,500.00 should cover it (in part time).

XXXI. Sheriff-review

- a. Dale Maxie – my idea is to hand all contractual services back over to commissioners. My budget just can't take it. We absolutely need new cars. It takes a lot to outfit these cars. Working on sheriff sales to make \$100.00 off of each. We have 1500 cases set for 2008.

XXXII. 2008 planning

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – just talked with Eric Reedy on a conference call. Tomorrow he will be here at 10:00 (am) to meet mostly with Carol L. Monroe and see if he can come up with something.

XXXIII. Judge

- a. Judge J. Steven Cox – introduces Clay Kellerman. As you know Clay is the person who wrote the proposal that got us the river boat money. It then was a joint effort-Carol's (Monroe) office gave us a lot of information, you and the commissioners gave us letters, etc.- will tell you before July 1 of this year. Clay and I petitioned the legislation into a full blown judicial system. At this time last year we didn't know what we were going to be able to fund so there is no reason now for not creating a second court now. Our request to the legislature is that they create a circuit court and then just a second division of the second court. This will allow us to still share the same resources (copiers, probation dept., etc.) The sharing makes sense.
- b. Martha Bergman – did you change anything (in the annex)?
- c. Judge J. Steven Cox – no, because when we move out the probation, etc. will be in there. There is no time when Clay is hearing criminal cases when I am. There is no overlap. We schedule purposely so that doesn't happen (flip tape 5). We made sure everyone was ok. We are not causing people to come in and overloading (prosecutor). In the volume of cases, we are back to the '94 volume. As of May 31 there were 63 cases filed-not even half by half of the year. From June 1 until today there are 209 cases diverted. Way more is going through the diversion process. The diversion cases we never see, we are not creating them. We are not generating any more work; we are turning it over quicker. In two and half months over \$25,000.00 went into diversion funds. We sit there passively and wait for someone to tell us they need the court in some fashion.
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – appeals? \$100,000.00?
- e. Judge J. Steven Cox – the reason we did that-except to say for pauper expenses we also have to pay court reporters, deposition fees, type transcript. Meth. was particularly hard on this. Once the trial was over with you had things like appellate fees. What the prosecutor chooses to bring to the courts attention is down. I anticipate that our pauper budget will handle the 2008 year without doing anything creative. For the court reporter, if there is a raise there should not be a raise for her (in user funds). Having to pay \$100.00 more in phones. All the offices with discretionary funds need to understand we need to use those.
- f. Thomas Wilson – questions \$150,000.00?
- g. Judge J. Steven Cox – court reporter, all of the new furnishings, etc.

XXXIV. Transfer Station

- a. Thomas Wilson - what we have charged to take in for trash exceeds. The only thing the transfer station is costing the county is the wages. Recycling center is the grant money we get from solid waste. Don't anticipate buying anything. The \$110,000.00 will come back into the county.

XXXV. Highway Dept.

- a. Don Vonder Meulen – Hollie has coached me through this process
- b. Hollie Sintz – last year we had to cut a lot and we have been limping. Last year we cut new equipment and the \$190,000.00 is a solid number. We have leased a total patcher, chipper, grade-all, and we are behind a truck. The only other thing that is an issue is the gas and oil.
- c. Jeff Koch – road signs?
- d. Hollie Sintz – that could be \$1,000.00; I emailed the State board of Accounts and that can be it's own fund (tape 6)
- e. Eric Roberts – we saved money on stone
- f. Carol L. Monroe – did you look at your revenue compared to your budget?
- g. Donald "Butch" Williams - need to cut about \$400,000.00

XXXVI. Cuts

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams - begin cutting-recess until 6:00 p.m. tomorrow

XXXVII. Reconvene

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reconvene at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Thomas Wilson – announces Dale (Maxie) called about 5:00 p.m. and in order to fix it we will have to shut the old down for three weeks.
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – is the air connected to the heat?
 - ii. Thomas Wilson – no, that is the good thing.
- c. Park & Recreation
 - i. Ted Hensley – talked to Clint (assistant) and he will not be adding his wife
 - ii. Brad Spurlock – questions trash bags
 - 1. Ted Hensley – they went from \$40.00 per box to \$50.00 per box.
 - iii. Carol L. Monroe – why are we cutting so badly?
 - 1. Donald "Butch" Williams – how much do we need to cut?
 - 2. Carol L. Monroe – Susan (Jones) and I sat in with Wayne (Hudson) and this is a very conservative number. You need to cut \$340,000.00 plus the projected additional of \$53,000.00 which is a total of \$393,000.00.
 - iv. Donald "Butch" Williams – we need to do the septic system
- d. Auditor (flip tape 6)
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – questions postage meter
 - ii. Susan Jones – it had to be in someone's budget/rental of postage meter
- e. Clerk
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – she has a lot to send (postage)
- f. Election
 - i. Hollie Sintz – leave it
- g. Commissioners
 - i. Eric Roberts – ditch board only used as needed
 - ii. E.M.S.
 - 1. Brad Spurlock – thinks E.M.S. is too much
 - 2. Eric Roberts – this is cheap. Talked to Bill Schirmer today and the \$225,000.00 he believes can come down.
 - 3. Donald "Butch" Williams – I haven't had my scanner on for about six years, but if we pay \$225,000.00 how many times is this going to be out of service. Describes instances of Drewsburg running while others sit in a parade. That paramedic is not going to do us any good out by me.
 - 4. Thomas Wilson – is has changed a lot.
 - 5. Donald "Butch" Williams – if we didn't have volunteers, we wouldn't have nothing.
 - 6. Carol L. Monroe – I would be willing to pay \$5.00 per year in property taxes if it meant someone I knew life would be saved.
 - 7. Jeff Koch – John (Cookendorfer) always says whatever you give us, we will keep doing what we are doing.
 - 8. Donald "Butch" Williams – on this particular one, I would really like to have Carroll Lanning's input, he was on the EMS.
 - 9. Brad Spurlock – I was on it for five or six years and did it for free. That is just my belief.
 - iii. Family Connections
 - 1. Carol L. Monroe – they work out of their cars (tape 7)
 - iv. Donald "Butch" Williams – questions unemployment insurance; do we have insurance
 - 1. Susan Jones – we pay it as we go, we do not have insurance
 - 2. Don Vonder Meulen – you don't come out ahead when you buy insurance
 - v. Laurel Senior Citizens
 - 1. Donald "Butch" Williams – up to Brad Spurlock
 - 2. Brad Spurlock – they are not sanctioned, cut it.
 - vi. 4-H Fair Premium
 - 1. Eric Roberts – don't think kids should get this
 - 2. Carol L. Monroe – is that only your decision, what about the other Commissioners?
 - 3. Thomas Wilson – I think the kids should get it
 - 4. Jeff Koch – so do I, lets put it back
 - 5. Council agrees to put back premium

- vii. Laurel Senior
 - 1. Donald "Butch" Williams – \$1,000.00 back in as long as they are sanctioned.
 - 2. Council agrees
- viii. E.M.S.
 - 1. Carroll Lanning – if we give them money, can they come up with the money to hire their own paramedic.
 - 2. Thomas Wilson – they have five paramedics here in the county that can't work here because Franklin County is not A.L.S. If they get A.L.S. certified they have five volunteers that can run as paramedics. You don't have to have a "chase truck". All ambulances would have to be set up as a paramedic truck.
 - 3. Donald "Butch" Williams – they could get the A.L.S. started with the \$75,000.00?
 - 4. Thomas Wilson – possibly
 - 5. Brad Spurlock – keep it like it is with other people needing help like dispatchers, Dale.
 - 6. Donald "Butch" Williams – agree with Brad Spurlock
 - 7. Carroll Lanning – keep it at \$45,000.00 and they could come back with a plan
 - 8. Eric Roberts – that is a slap in the face
 - 9. Kenneth Rosenberger – we should up it by some
 - 10. Hollie Sintz – we should consider a small (increase)
 - 11. Eric Roberts – is this something if they come back to us in next April, can we do an additional
 - 12. Brad Spurlock – they said if we don't do it they have other avenues to go at.
 - 13. Carroll Lanning – we could squeeze the \$75,000.00. (Then) In next year's budget, we can say hey, we are ready to run with this.
 - 14. Donald "Butch" Williams – we are bouncing around here-do you realize how many police cars we are playing with. Without all of it, none of it happens. We are not picking on anyone; we are trying to make it as even as we can.
 - 15. Brad Spurlock – these other people have been here every year needing things and this is the first year they have asked-off of the cuff. That is kind-of quick
 - 16. Carroll Lanning – we should give them a little bit more
 - 17. Brad Spurlock 75
 - 18. Hollie Sintz 50
 - 19. Martha Bergman 75
 - 20. Kenneth Rosenberger 50
 - 21. Carroll Lanning 50
 - 22. Jeff Koch 50
 - 23. Donald "Butch" Williams – I like 50-fifty thousand it is
- ix. Care of Inmates
 - 1. Susan Jones – I have \$15,000.00 (in bills) I can't pay. A lot of it was paid out of rainy day.
- x. Economic Development
 - 1. Eric Roberts – I put that in for a cushion
 - 2. Carroll Lanning – they said for two years that would not cost the county any money
 - 3. Donald "Butch" Williams – zero
- h. Courthouse
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- i. Cemetery
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- j. Cumulative Capital development
 - i. Susan Jones – this is what saved everyone
 - ii. Thomas Wilson – if it ain't appropriated, you have to do an additional (flip tape 7)
- k. Coroner
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- l. E-911
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- m. EMA
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- n. Extension
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- o. Family and children
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – leaves
- p. EDIT/
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – leave as is
- q. Health
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- r. Highway – tape 8
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- s. Judge
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- t. Probation
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- u. Prosecutor
 - i. Reviewed and cut
- v. Recorder

- i. Kenneth Rosenberger – she said we could cut conferences and seminars

w. Sheriff

- i. Postage

- 1. Brad Spurlock \$1200.00 (flip tape 8)

- ii. Contractual services

- 1. Donald "Butch" Williams – he said he was going to help pay for this
- 2. Jeff Koch = 20
- 3. Kenneth Rosenberger 20 thousand

x. Surveyor

- i. Reviewed and cut

y. Transfer station

- i. Reviewed and cut

XXXVIII. Review

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – request were \$6,390,995.00. we needed to cut \$390,000.00 and have cut out of general=\$830,408.00/election=\$0.00/health=\$10,477/park&rec=21,103. one big problem-highway has no money.
- b. Hollie Sintz – we cut it back and now have \$67,760.00 (tape 9)
- c. Carol L. Monroe – would like to see longevity
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – reconvene tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. and then again Tuesday at 6:00 p.m

XXXIX. Reconvene 08/31/07 (3:00 p.m.)

- a. Hollie Sintz – reconvenes meeting and recesses until Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

XL. Reconvene 09/04/07

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reconvene. If we are going to do longevity, we are doing it to even the playing field. A few years ago, we put a bunch in our budget because we didn't know how things were going to work out and to cover things like this jail (thing).
- b. Hollie Sintz – I feel we should put back in things.
- c. Thomas Wilson – agree with Butch, have it somewhere where you can get to it.
- d. Hollie Sintz – if something would happen to Ed, don't think we would get someone for what we are paying Ed.
- e. Thomas Wilson – think 911 would need to up part time to \$12.00 per hour.
- f. Donald "Butch" Williams – think we should be at least \$150,000.00 in the contingency line.
- g. Carol L. Monroe – did Dale (Maxie) get estimate on heating and cooling?
 - i. Thomas Wilson – \$112,000.00.
 - ii. Eric Roberts – Dale did not put in for new cars.
 - iii. Brad Spurlock – when I talked to him, if he got two deputies, he would only need one car
- h. Longevity
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – if we do longevity, did we already allow for it in the highway?
 - ii. Hollie Sintz – yes.
 - iii. Brad Spurlock – motion to pay longevity rate to all county employees not already receiving longevity at a \$60.00 rate.
 - iv. Donald "Butch" Williams – no second to Brad's motion; motion dies
 - v. Kenneth Rosenberger - move to make it (longevity) county wide of elected officials and full time employees
 - vi. Martha Bergman – seconds the motion
 - vii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; Hollie Sintz –abstain, motion carried.
 - viii. Carol L. Monroe – just for clarification, is the coroner chief deputy included?
 - ix. Council – no
- i. Donald "Butch" Williams – I would like to see us put a bunch of money in the contingency
- j. Eric Roberts – is longevity the only raise
- k. Brad Spurlock – yes
- l. Donald "Butch" Williams – all I am saying is we have nothing in here to pay anything to repair at the jail. If you give raises, police cars-you still have to fix the jail.
- m. Brad Spurlock – we still have room for about five new employees
- n. Carol L. Monroe – just remember you have to keep paying those employees.
- o. Brad Spurlock – motion to put \$150,000.00 in contingency
- p. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
- q. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried. (flip tape 9) the
- r. Highway
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams - equipment we cut out of highway?
 - ii. Thomas Wilson – we already signed contracts/lease
 - iii. Carol L. Monroe – will major move cover it?
 - iv. Thomas Wilson – think major moves will pay for new equipment
- s. Donald "Butch" Williams – new employee request
 - i. Clerk
 - ii. Sheriff
 - iii. Hollie Sintz – what happens next year when you don't have enough revenue?
 - iv. Donald "Butch" Williams – same thing we have done every year
 - v. Hollie Sintz – (I'm) not against anyone getting help
 - vi. Brad Spurlock - motion to give sheriff two deputies and clerk another person
 - vii. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
 - viii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; Kenneth Rosenberger-opposed; motion carried. I would decide (if) he would want to switch one of those deputies to a jailer, then ok.
- t. Kenneth Rosenberger – move that we supply sheriff with one car (\$25,000.00)
 - i. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion

- ii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- u. Brad Spurlock – motion we give ed (Hollenbach) his salary as he requested (additional \$3,999.00).
 - i. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - ii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- v. Brad Spurlock – don't think we should go anywhere else on raises
- w. Hollie Sintz – take what money we have left and put in the commissioners budget and let them decide.
- x. Susan Jones – questions putting S.A.C. part time back in.
 - i. Brad Spurlock – what determines how much the part time works
 - ii. Susan Jones – holidays and weekends.
 - iii. Brad Spurlock motion to put \$4,000.00 in part time help in sac
 - iv. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - v. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor. Who is taking care of S.A.C.?
 - vi. Eric Roberts – Mr. Dale (Maxie)
- y. Donald "Butch" Williams – on the part time, if we didn't do anything they are at the '07 (appropriation)
 - i. Carol L. Monroe – what if State comes back and says we could have budgeted more money
 - ii. Donald "Butch" Williams – Carol is right, we did that a few years ago.
 - iii. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to add an additional \$200,000.00 to the contingency fund
 - iv. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
 - v. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- z. Brad Spurlock – in comparison to the numbers they gave us to the LOIT (tape 10)
- aa. Thomas Wilson – what would you pay out of contingency?
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – emergencies, and we know what the first thing will be.
 - ii. Eric Roberts – would we be better off borrowing it?
 - iii. Susan Jones – you have a problem with the highway buying equipment.
 - iv. Brad Spurlock – are we going to run into any more problems?
 - v. Thomas Wilson – we have spent enough that we could have bought new (heating and cooling for jail). We should be ok until next spring. The ventilation over there is another problem.

XLI. Adjourn

- a. Hollie Sintz – move to adjourn
- b. Kenneth Rosenberger- seconds
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams –out here

Those also present (outside of speaker listed):

Ed Hollenbach	Eugene Stewart, attorney	Susan Jones	Brian Baxter	Don Dunaway
Melinda Brown	Clay Kellerman	John Estridge,	Whitewater Publications	

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